jail are verified and surveillance is kept.

(vi) History Sheets of habitual criminals are maintained and their movements are kept under surveillance.

Waiting List for Telephone connections in Arunachal Pradesh and Delhi

224. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of persons in the waiting lists for telephone connections in Arunachal Pradesh and Delhi so far; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken by Government to provide telephone connections expeditiously?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of persons in the waiting list for telephone connections as on 30-6-1991 is 185 in Arunachal Pradesh and 318891 in Delhi.

(b) Yes, Sir. The draft 8th Plan proposals have been drawn up with the objectives that by the end of the Eighth Plan it will be possible to provide telephones, practically on demand, in telephone exchanges of less than 5000 lines capacity and to reduce waiting period, on an average, to one year in telephone exchanges of more than 5000 lines capacity.

Indo-Japanese Rafting Expedition in Arunachal Pradesh

225. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the aim and object of recent joint Indo-Japanese rafting expedition in the Siang river of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it was a scientific research expedition or geological survey of Himalayan region; and

(c) when the agreement was signed between the two countries for such expedition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) It was a joint expedition of Indo-Tibetan Border Police and Himalayan Association of Japan led by the Indian leader. It was an adventure rafting expedition.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No such agreement has been signed.

Construction of a Hill Highway in Tamil Nadu

226. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a Hill Highway in Tamil Nadu during the Eighth Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Compensation for the assets left behind by Indian evacuees in Iraq and Kuwait

227. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the steps so far taken by Government to secure compensation for the assets left behind by Indian evacuees in Iraq and Kuwait; what was the total assets left behind by the evacuees; and the total compensation secured so far?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): Under UN Security Council resolutions Iraq is liable to pay compensation to foreign governments,